STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2028/29

FOR TWYNHAM LEARNING SCHOOLS

From 4 November to 18 December 2026

Twynham Learning, a multi-academy trust, is the admission authority for its schools within Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

The Trust is consulting on proposed admission arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year.

The proposals have been informed by a review of pupil number projections, local demand, school capacity and the long-term sustainability of school provision and have been approved by the Twynham Learning Board of Trustees.

In developing the proposed arrangements, the Trust has undertaken a comprehensive review of its admission policies, supported by a specialist legal adviser, to ensure the arrangements remain aligned with current admissions legislation and the School Admissions Code.

The Trust remains committed to working in partnership with BCP Council, local schools and other stakeholders to ensure admission arrangements continue to support the efficient use of school places and the delivery of high-quality education for children across the local area.

We are consulting on the proposed admission arrangements for admission to Reception, Year 3 and Year 7 in September 2028 for the following schools:

- Christchurch Infant School
- Christchurch Junior School
- Stourfield Infant School
- Stourfield Junior School
- Poole High School
- The Grange School
- Twynham School

The consultation includes proposed changes to Published Admission Numbers (PANs) at some schools and amendments to admission arrangements. A summary of the proposed changes for each school is provided below.

Twynham Learning is required to publicly consult on its schools' admission arrangements for a minimum of six weeks between 1 October (at the earliest) and 31 January (at the latest), in the determination year.

As part of this process, the Trust is participating in the BCP Council co-ordinated admissions consultation.

Christchurch Infant School

The Trust is consulting on the following proposed change to the Christchurch Infant School Admissions Policy 2028-29:

- Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception from 120 to 90 places

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity, ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance and align arrangements across Twynham Learning schools, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming eligibility for all qualifying staff.
- Standardisation of wording and procedures to ensure consistency across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The school's catchment area.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria (other than the staff criterion clarification and updates).
- The school's sibling link arrangements, including links with the junior school.

Summary

The principal proposed change is a reduction in the Reception PAN from 120 to 90 places from September 2028.

The consultation also references policy updates made to reflect current statutory requirements, strengthen and clarify admissions provisions in line with guidance and best practice, provide greater clarity regarding the staff oversubscription criterion and ensure consistency with other Twynham Learning admission arrangements

Christchurch Junior School

The Trust is consulting on the following proposed change to the admission arrangements for Christchurch Junior School

- Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 3 from 124 to 96 places

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity, ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance and align arrangements across Twynham Learning schools, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming eligibility for all qualifying staff.
- Standardisation of wording and procedures to ensure consistency across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The school's designated catchment area.
- The feeder school arrangements with Christchurch Infant School.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria.

Summary

The principal proposed change is a reduction in the Year 3 PAN from 124 to 96 places for September 2028 entry.

The consultation also references policy updates made to reflect current statutory requirements, strengthen and clarify admissions provisions in line with guidance and best practice, provide greater clarity regarding the staff oversubscription criterion and ensure consistency with other Twynham Learning admission arrangements.

Stourfield Infant School

The Trust is consulting on the following proposed change to the admission arrangements for Stourfield Infant School

- Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Reception from 90 to 60 places with effect from September 2028.

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity, ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance and align arrangements across Twynham Learning schools, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming eligibility for all qualifying staff.
- Standardisation of wording and procedures to ensure consistency across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The school's designated catchment area.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria.
- The linked sibling arrangements between Stourfield Infant School and Stourfield Junior School.

Summary

The only substantive change proposed for consultation is the reduction in the Reception PAN from 90 to 60 places for September 2028 entry.

The remaining amendments are intended to improve clarity, reflect current statutory requirements and guidance, provide greater clarity regarding the staff oversubscription criterion and ensure consistency across Twynham Learning admission arrangements.

Stourfield Junior School

The Trust is consulting on the following proposed change to the admission arrangements for Stourfield Junior School:

- Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 3 from 120 to 90 places with effect from September 2028.

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity, ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance and align arrangements across Twynham Learning schools, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming eligibility for all qualifying staff.
- Standardisation of wording and procedures to ensure consistency across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The school's designated catchment area.
- The feeder school arrangements with Stourfield Infant School.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria.

Summary

The only substantive change proposed for consultation is the reduction in the Year 3 PAN from 120 to 90 places for September 2028 entry.

The remaining amendments are intended to improve clarity, reflect current statutory requirements and guidance, provide greater clarity regarding the staff oversubscription criterion and ensure consistency across Twynham Learning admission arrangements.

Poole High School

This is the first consultation on the admission arrangements for Poole High School since the school joined Twynham Learning on 1 June 2024.

The consultation includes proposed changes to the school's oversubscription criteria and admission arrangements to simplify the policy, remove redundant provisions and align arrangements with current statutory requirements and Trust-wide practice.

The proposed changes include:

- Removal of protected sibling categories 4b and 4d from the oversubscription criteria. These transitional arrangements related to historic admissions arrangements and are no longer required, as all pupils eligible for these protections will have left Poole High School by the end of the 2027/28 academic year.
- Replacement of walking-distance measurements with straight-line distance measurements as the tie-breaker. This aligns the school's arrangements with other Twynham Learning admission policies and the approach used within the BCP Council community and voluntary controlled school admission arrangements.

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity and reflect current statutory requirements, including:

- Incorporation of current requirements relating to waiting lists.
- Updated provisions relating to in-year admissions.
- Clarification of arrangements for children of UK service personnel and Crown Servants.
- Updated arrangements relating to the admission of children outside their normal age group, including summer-born children.
- Updates relating to Fair Access Protocols.
- Alignment of the admission arrangements with the Trust's admissions framework and current statutory requirements.
- Updating policy wording and procedural provisions to improve clarity, consistency and compliance with current admissions legislation and guidance.

No Change Proposed To

- The Published Admission Number (PAN) of 325.
- The designated catchment area.
- The Expressly Academic admissions provision.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria.

Summary

The principal changes relate to the oversubscription criteria, including the removal of historic transitional sibling provisions that are no longer applicable and the replacement of walking-distance measurements with straight-line distance measurements.

No change is proposed to the school's PAN, catchment area or Expressly Academic admissions provision.

The policy has also been updated to reflect current statutory requirements, improve clarity and consistency and align arrangements with other Twynham Learning schools.

The Grange School

The Trust is consulting on the following substantive change to the admission arrangements for The Grange School:

- Reduction of the Published Admission Number (PAN) for Year 7 from 120 to 96 places with effect from September 2028.

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity and reflect current statutory requirements, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming that the criterion applies to all eligible staff.
- Standardisation of admissions wording and procedures across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The designated catchment area
- The feeder school arrangements with Somerford Primary School, Burton Primary School, Mudeford Junior School and Stourfield Junior School.
- The overall structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria.

Summary

The only substantive change proposed for consultation is the reduction in the Year 7 PAN from 120 to 96 places for September 2028 entry.

The remaining amendments are intended to improve clarity, reflect current statutory requirements and guidance and ensure consistency across Twynham Learning admission arrangements.

Twynham School

The Trust is consulting on the following substantive change to Twynham School's admission arrangements:

- Reduction of the Year 7 Published Admission Number (PAN) from 270 to 240 places.

Other Amendments

The revised policy also includes a number of non-material updates to improve clarity, ensure compliance with current legislation and guidance and align arrangements across Twynham Learning schools, including:

- Updates to reflect the requirements of the School Admissions Code 2021 and current admissions legislation.
- Strengthened and clarified wording relating to waiting lists and admission outside normal age groups
- Clarification of the staff oversubscription criterion, confirming that the criterion applies to all eligible staff.
- Standardisation of admissions wording and procedures across Twynham Learning schools.
- Administrative and governance updates to reflect current Trust arrangements and terminology.

No Change Proposed To

- The school's designated catchment area.
- The feeder school arrangements.
- The structure and principles of the oversubscription criteria (other than wording clarifications and compliance updates).
- The Year 12 external admissions PAN.

Summary

The only substantive change proposed for consultation is the reduction in the Year 7 PAN from 270 to 240 places for September 2028 entry.

The remaining amendments are intended to improve clarity, reflect current statutory requirements and guidance and ensure consistency across Twynham Learning admission arrangements.

Timetable for Consultation:

Date	Action
4 November 2026	Start of consultation
18 December 2026	End of consultation period and deadline for submitting responses
January – February 2027	Consideration of all responses received during the consultation period
28 February 2027	Deadline for formally determining admission arrangements
15 March 2027	Deadline for sending determined admission arrangements to the local authority
15 May 2027	Deadline for objections to be submitted to the Schools Adjudicator